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TAGS: PORG, UNGA, UNSC, IS, XF
SUBJECT: ISRAELI AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON AMB YOUNG, SEPT 12

1. SUMMARY: DURING CALL ON AMBS YOUNG AND LEONARD ISRAELI AMB BLUM EXPRESSED CONCERN IN CONNECTION WITH UPCOMING GA OVER ACTIVITIES OF PALESTINIAN UNIT IN SECRETARIAT, POSSIBLE ACTION ON ZIONISM/RACISM LINK, AND IRAQI PROPOSAL ON ARMS EMBARGO REFERRED FROM SSOD TO 33RD GA. HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE GA ACTION ON SOVIET JEWRY. IN CONNECTION WITH UNIFIL RENEWAL, HE EXPRESSED HOPE RESOLUTION COULD BE ADOPTED FIRST, WITH STATEMENTS MADE SUBSEQUENTLY AND STRONGLY SUPPORTED SIX-MONTH RENEWAL. END SUMMARY.

2. ISRAELI AMB BLUM MADE INITIAL COURTESY CALL ON
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AMBS YOUNG AND LEONARD SEPT 12 AND TOOK OCCASION TO DISCUSS 33RD GA AND UNIFIL RENEWAL. AMB YOUNG NOTED THAT IT MIGHT BE "ROUGH" ASSEMBLY SESSION ON MIDDLE EAST, GIVEN BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED DECLARATION AND FACT THAT EVEN SUCCESS AT CAMP DAVID WOULD NOT BE VERY HELPFUL SINCE IT WOULD ANGER HALF OF THE ARABS. HE NOTED WE WOULD BE CONSULTING WITH A NUMBER OF THE

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ARAB AMBASSADORS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND WOULD COUNSEL MODERATION. BLUM AGREED THAT THE SITUATION WOULD BE DIFFICULT AS THE REJECTIONISTS WOULD MANIPULATE THE GA TO TRY TO SABOTAGE EFFORTS TO BRING THE PARTIES TOGETHER, AS THEY HAD LAST YEAR FOLLOWING THE SADAT INITIATIVE.

3. BLUM EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER A NEW ELEMENT AT THIS GA - THIS WAS THE FIRST YEAR OF ACTIVITIES BY THE PALESTINIAN SPECIAL UNIT IN THE SECRETARIAT. HE THOUGHT ONE MUST CONSIDER HOW TO KEEP IT FROM BECOMING TOO POWERFUL IN THE ASSEMBLY.

4. AMB YOUNG NOTED THAT ONE APPROACH TO SUCH PROBLEMS WAS TO ATTEMPT TO CUT OFF FUNDS. HE DID NOT THINK THIS WAS EFFECTIVE, HOWEVER, AS ONE LOST INFLUENCE WHICH IT WAS IMPORTANT TO RETAIN IN ORDER TO EXERCISE GREATER CONTROL. BLUM THOUGHT IT STILL MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO LIMIT THE UNIT'S ACTIVITIES AND, IN PARTICULAR, THOUGHT THE SYG SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED FROM BECOMING DIRECTLY INVOLVED. IN BLUM'S VIEW THIS WAS AN ATTEMPT TO LEGITIMIZE THE PLO WITHIN THE UN AND TO DE-LEGITIMIZE ISRAEL, A MEMBER STATE.

5. AMB BLUM ALSO WAS CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE REVIVAL OF THE ZIONISM/RACISM EQUATION. AMB YOUNG SAID SEVERAL CONFIDENTIAL

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AFRICAN STATES TOLD HIM THE LANGUAGE IN THE BELGRADE NAM DECLARATION ON THIS SUBJECT WAS INTRODUCED BY THE PLO AT 4:00 A.M. ON THE FINAL DAY IN VIOLATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARABS. A NUMBER OF THE AFRICANS WERE ANGRY AND HAD EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS. HE THOUGHT THERE WAS HOPE, THEREFORE, OF KEEPING THIS FROM COMING UP IN THE GA. LEONARD NOTED ALSO THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE HAS NOT ADOPTED THE ORIGINAL GA FORMULA OR THAT APPROVED AT BELGRADE, AND THIS WAS AT A MEETING WHERE THE US WAS ABSENT AND UNDER CRITICISM FOR NOT PARTICIPATING. IN THE GA WE COULD EXERCISE MUCH GREATER INFLUENCE. AMB YOUNG SAID HE AND THE MISSION WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE ISRAELIS ON THIS AND OTHER PROBLEMS ARISING IN THE ASSEMBLY AND IT WAS AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A MORE THOROUGH REVIEW OF GA ISSUES BY LOWER LEVEL OFFICERS OF THE TWO MISSIONS.

6. BLUM ALSO MENTIONED THE IRAQI PROPOSAL FROM THE SSOD ON A COMPLETE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST ISRAEL AND SUGGESTED TACTICS SHOULD BE WORKED OUT FOR DEALING WITH IT. ANOTHER QUESTION WAS SOVIET JEWRY. IN ANSWER TO AMB LEONARD'S QUESTION OF HOW IT WOULD ARISE,

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BLUM SAID IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE IN THE THIRD
COMMITTEE. HE WAS NOT SPECIFIC BUT SAID "THIS YEAR
IT WILL HAVE TO BE RAISED" AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR US
SUPPORT.

7. TURNING TO SECURITY COUNCIL RENEWAL OF THE UNIFIL
MANDATE, AMB YOUNG EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE
POSSIBLE TO VOTE FIRST AND HAVE STATEMENTS AFTERWARDS.
BLUM AGREED BUT SAID HE EXPECTED SOME STRONG SPEECHES
IN ANY EVENT. LEONARD AGREED THESE WERE INEVITABLE.
AMB YOUNG SUGGESTED THAT AMB BLUM SHOULD MAKE A SPECIAL

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EFFORT TO "CULTIVATE" THE NIGERIANS. PERMREP HARRIMAN
WAS DIFFICULT, BUT YOUNG HAD FOUND THAT MOST NIGERIANS
TOOK A VERY PRAGMATIC ATTITUDE. HE NOTED THAT HARRIMAN,
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE APARTHEID COMMITTEE, THINKS OF
ISRAEL ONLY IN TERMS OF SOUTH AFRICA BUT THIS HAD NOT
BEEN THE CASE IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH NIGERIAN LEADERS
WHEN HE HAD VISITED LAGOS. BLUM THANKED YOUNG FOR
THE ADVICE AND NOTED THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
NIGERIAN AND ISRAELI UN MISSIONS DID NOT REFLECT THE
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE HOPED THE
SITUATION COULD BE IMPROVED.

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8. AMB BLUM SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR THE US TO DRAFT A UNIFIL RENEWAL RESOLUTION AND AMB LEONARD SAID HE HAD ALREADY ASKED THAT THIS BE DONE. BLUM MENTIONED THE ARAB DESIRE TO INCLUDE CONFIDENTIAL

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A CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL IN THE RENEWAL RESOLUTION AND LEONARD MADE CLEAR WE HAD ALREADY WARNED THE ARABS AGAINST INCLUDING SUCH A PROVISION.

9. BLUM EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE FRENCH DESIRE TO HAVE UNIFIL RENEWED FOR ONLY THREE MONTHS. HE SAID ISRAEL FAVORED 6 MONTHS AND DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE ANOTHER DEBATE IN THREE MONTHS. HE ALSO THOUGHT THE SOVIETS WOULD LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO SEE UNIFIL END IN THREE MONTHS. LEONARD WAS NOT SURE OF THE LATTER POINT BUT SAID WE ALSO FAVORED SIX MONTHS AND HAD VERY VIGOROUSLY DISCOURAGED THE FRENCH PROPOSAL ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTOOD THE REASONS BEHIND IT, I.E. FRENCH DISSATISFACTION WITH THE GOI AND GOL IN FULFILLING THE RESPONSIBILITIES IMPLICIT IN SC RES 425. THE ARABS ALSO FAVORED A 6-MONTH RENEWAL. AMB YOUNG NOTED THE EXCELLENT COOPERATION WE HAVE HAD WITH LEBANESE AMB TUENI, WITHOUT WHOSE AGGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP IN THE ARAB GROUP IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH UNIFIL.

10. THE CONVERSATION CONCLUDED WITH AGREEMENT OF BOTH SIDES THAT THE TWO MISSIONS WOULD KEEP EACH OTHER ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST AND REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH. YOUNG

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